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In re application of:

Yasir Skeiky et al.

Application No.: 09/886,349

Filed: June 20, 2001

For: FUSION PROTEINS OF  
MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS

Examiner: Unassigned

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TRANSMITTAL OF PREVIOUSLY  
FILED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §  
1.181(a) TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF  
ABANDONMENT

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Sir:

Applicants have to date received no response to the Petition Under 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.181(a) To Withdraw Holding of Abandonment, filed August 7, 2002 by certificate of mailing and received in the OIPE on August 12, 2002, per the attached copy of the stamped postcard, for the above-referenced application.

On December 2, 2002, Mr. Robbins of the Customer Service Department advised, in response to our inquiry, that the last entry in his database, that of June 20, 2001, reflected that this application was undergoing prosecution processing. He further stated that his database does not reflect receipt of the above-referenced petition.

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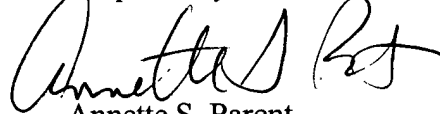
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Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment with attendant transmittal documents, as originally filed on August 7, 2002.

Also enclosed to be made of record in this application is a Change of Address.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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